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after the discovery of the gold fields on the coast. Several canvas towns had sprung up with the racarge of stalwart, sunburnt men. The tents in the ep mountain gorge, dotting the coast with their forms as far back as the eye could reach, and ing fires presented a singularly picturesque appear and verandas, half buried in creepers, built up the day. The still and bright atmosphere had a delicions vigerating freshness without the least chill. The sky was of a more than an Italian blue, while the ranges of mountains in the distance were covered with snow and stood out sharply against the levely glowing heavens. But the hopeful adventurers had not yet come to their journey's end. Twenty hours more of sailing along the coast with a few miles of land travel into the interior brought them to Christchurch, the place where they were to tempt their destmy.

The morning after their arrival, they began to be almost overwhelmed with visits from the cordial and hospitable residents. Everything was of the most practical character, but there were all the outward appliances of civilization, as much as if the shroom town had been a hundred years old. There were well-paved streets, gas-lamps, and even drinking fountains, and pillar post-offices. The clothed; and the children were truly splendid.

The first introduction to pastoral life was on a in the carriage of the friend whose hospitalities they were to enjoy, the little party found themselves in an earthly Paradise which might have excited the envy even of amateurs of English comfort. The house was of brick, large and handsome, with projecting gables and a verandah, covered with boneysuckles and other creepers. The gable end above the bow-window of the drawing room was a mass of yellow roses in full blossom. A stream ran through the grounds, fringed with weeping willows, which at that time of the year displayed their greatest beauty, with their soft feathery foliage of tenderest green. The lawn which sloped away from the house was dotted with flower-beds, and brilliant with a gay profusion of verbenas, geraniums, and petanias. In front, the country stretched away in undulating downs to a chain of high hills to the distance, through the deep gaps in which were een magnificent snow-covered mountains, towering high in the horizon. The inside of the house was a charming as the outside. It contained every luxury that could be thought of in the greatest perfection. The furniture was so rich and beautiful, that it called forth perpetual wonder how it could ever have get there. Among the amusements of the ocasion were a series of pic-nics, which were so unlike the entertainments that go by that name in or dinary civilization, that the author's description of

one of them is worth quoting:

The first thing after breakfast was to collect all the provisions, and pack them in a sort of washing-basket, and then we started in an American wagon drawn by a pair of stout cobs. We drove for some miles till we came to the edge of one of the high terraces common to New Zealand scenery; here we all got out; the gentlealand scenery: here we all got out; the gover-tharnessed and tethered the horses, so that they seed about comfortably, and then we scrambled be deep slope, at the bottom of which ran a wide creek. It was no easy matter to get the basket creek. It was no easy matter to get the basket

other with a tea-pot, but this was quite enough, as crossing the creek by a series of jumps from one workstone to another is not easy for a beginner.

Mr. I.— brought a large dog with him, a kangarochound doet unlike a lurcher in appearance), to hunt the wekas. I had heard at night the peculiar cry or call of those birds, but had not seen one until to-day "Fig" put up several, one after another, and soon ran them down. At first I thought it very cruel to destry such a tame and apparently harmless creature, but I am assured that they are most mischlevous, and that it would be useless to turn out the pheasants and partridges which Mr. I.— has brought from England, until the numbers of the wekas are considerably reduced. They are very like a hen pheasant without the long tail feathers, and until you examine them you cannot tell they have no wings, though there is a sort of small pinhon among the feathers, with a claw at the end of it. They run very swiftly, availing themselves cleverly of the least bit of cover, but when you hear a short sharp cry, it is a sign that the poor weka is nearly done, and the next thing you see is Fly shaking a bundle of brown feathers vehemently. All the dogs are trained to hunt these birds, as they are a great torment, sucking eggs and killing chiefens, but still f could not help feeling sorry when Fly, flaving disposed of the mother, returned to the flax husby wekas by successive taps of his paw.

I have wandered away from my account of the plenic in the most unjustifiable manner. The gentlemen were toiling up the hill, after we had crossed the creek, carrying the bird basket by turns between them; it was really land work, and I must tell you in confidence, that I hard work, and I must tell you in confidence, that I hard work, and I must tell you in confidence, that I hard work, and I must tell you he confidence were toiling up the hill-after they had all been obliged, in the early days of the colony, to work at domestic drudgery in gruin and grimy carness, so it had lost the chark,

was then in full operation. The first introduction to this establishment was not reassuring. The sights and sounds were anything but cheerful. Two halies of the party tarned pale on the spot, but the writer bravely resolved to rough it out at all hazards. Twenty-five shearers were at work on the floor. Each workman had a trap door close to him, out of which he pushed his sheep as soon as the floore was off, into a little pen, so that it could be seen if the animal had been to much close to him, out of which he pushed his sheep as soon as the floore was off, into a little pen, so that it could be seen if the animal had been to much close to him, out of which he pushed his sheep as soon as the floore was off, into a little pen, so that it could be seen if the animal had been to much close to him, out of the twenty four, and the pushed his sheep is a soon with the shearer can take off 120 fleeces in a day, but he average is about 80 to each man. They get £1 per hundred, and found. They have a cook of their own, with as much bread and mutton, tea and sugar as they can consume. They work at least fourteen hours out of the twenty-four, and with a floor beginning armide of the move out of the twenty-four, and with a floor of floor of the floor of the pushed his wo-bent of floor of the pushed his wo-bent and constantly employed in bringing armide to compare the hours out of the twenty-four, and with a floor of the floor of th sights and sounds were anything but cheerful. Two

fall away. The bale is now complete, and ready to be heisted by a crane into the loft above, where it has the brand of the sheep painted on it, with its weight and to what class the wool belongs. The author concludes her description with a bit of senti-

In the month of July, which in that latitude is midwinter, the author removed her abode to a sheep-farm in the interior which her husband had undertaken to conduct as a speculative enterprise. Although the early mornings and evenings were a the middle of the day. A fire was found comfortable at breakfast, but it went out, and was not lighted again till dark. As soon as the sun went down, however, it became very cold. The fuel was the kind of coal called lignite, which only smouldered away like the better sort of turf, and required a log of dry wood with it to make a good blaze. The household consisted of the paterfamilias and the writer, a clergyman's son who had come to learn sheep-farming, and a boy to milk the cows and do odd jobs out of doors. In the prevailing ignorance of cookery, the laboring oar fell into the hands of Lady Barker. She did not even know whether the water in which potatoes are beiled should be celd or hot. Some of her earliest efforts, she owns were curious and nasty." Lumps of washing soda would mysteriously find their way into the soup. The first omelet was of the size and consistency of a rely-poly pudding. The bread went wrong from the start. The yeast-bottle exploded with a report like a pistol-shot, and the contents descended in a shower on the head of the long-suffering lady. The husband turned the bottle upside down over the flour, emptying the dregs of the hops and potatoes on the ill-fated bread. Nothing daunted, the culinary amateur placed the mass on the stove, but on going to look at it the next morning found it dried to a crisp. She still persevered in her laudable intentions, added more flour and water, made it up into loaves and put it in the oven but the refractory bread would not bake, and insisted on remaining raw inside, though the attempt was not given up until midnight.

The daily home life was in keeping with the ookery. Lady Barker's naïve descriptions, from which we take a few paragraphs, give a lively idea of its character.

The first of my duties is one I especially delight in. I am out very early with a large tin dish of scraps mixed with a few handfuls of wheat, and my appearance is the signal for a great commotion among all my fowls and ducks and pigeous. Such waddling and flying and running with ourstretched wings to me: in fact, I receive a morning greeting from all the live stock about the place morning greeting from all the live stock about the place. reakfast I go into the kitchen; sometimes it is only

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We must not omit the recital of the disastrous end of a favorite dog, who could not resist the temptation of regaling himself on a tender lamb of the

went to the spot, lifted Dick up, and carried in my room to nurse him; for he could not move, been beaten so severely. For two whole days he the soft mat I gave him, only able to lap a little milk; on the third morning he tried to get u

The time at length comes for the gentleman a lady farmers to bid farewell to the happy valley in which, in spite of the trials and discomforts of pioneer life, they had passed a few pleasant years, and which they could not forsake without "a great tightness at the heart and moisture in the eyes." It was a sorrow to leave the horses and dogs, the pet pigs and poultry, and even the trees and flower called forth a sense of melanchely, lest "other owners should not love them as much as they had been loved before." The sight of the beautiful hills, whose grand outlines had so long been before their awakened a feeling of tender regret which ould only find expression in the images of poetry In the present narrative, however, which is in the form of letters to friends at home, the experiences of their daily life are told with a simple and graceful nonchalance, which combines with the interest of the subject to make a singularly attractive book.

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Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co., the financial agents of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, report the carn

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Messis. Turner Brothers advertise for sale a small amount of the second mortgage bonds of the Ludianap-olis, Bloomington, and Western Railway Company. This road is doing a large business, and earning, in excess of the interest on all its bonds, handsome dividends upon its stock. Upon the completion of the Midiand Pacific, the first mortgage bonds of which are now in active demand, and of other lines practically under the same management, now in course of rapid construction, connecting it with the Indianapolis, Bleomington and Western, a new line will be formed materially shorter than any existing route of connected lines. The London Times of July 27, says: "The Stock Ex-change Committee have ordered the Northern Pacific

Railroad first mortgage bonds to be quoted in the official lists." The earnings of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Rail-

road Company for the month of July were; 1872, \$181,546; 1871, \$118,016 35; increase, \$63,223 65. Jan. 1 to July 30; 1872, \$1,240,373 16; 1871, \$873,286 21; increase, \$367,086 28. The earnings of the Pacific Railroad of Missenri for the month of July, 1872, were \$263,406; July, 1871. \$278,172, decrease, \$12,776. Year commencing 1st March, 1872, \$1,444,267; 1st March, 1871, \$1,409,257; increase, \$05,010.

The bullion in the Bank of England has mercased £359,000 during the past week. The Philadelphia stock market is steady; Pennsylvania

68, 109; Philadelphia and Eric Railroad, 27; Reading Railroad, 882; Peunsylvania Railroad, 582; Gold, 1152. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cen-gress and Empire Spring Company, held at Saratega, on the 7th inst., the old board were redected trustees. The officers of the Board of Trustees are as follows: B. B. Hotchkiss, President; C. Sheehan, Vice-President and Treasurer; W. R. Johnson, Secretary. At the Trustees' meeting a cash dividend of 5 per cent was declared on the capital stock of \$1,000,000.

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are being absorbed by an increasing demand for them. Besides being the obligation of a wealthy corporation, composed of men of experience and high-toned commercial integrity, they are secured by a forst

mortgage on the road, revenues, land grant, frauchise, and equipments, combined in one mortgage, and are readily negotiable both in the markets of this country and Europe. A liberal sinking fund provided in the mortgage

deed must advance the price upon the closing of the loan. Principal and interest payable in GOLD. Interest at eight (8) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, free of tax. Principal in thirty